AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A process for applying an active material onto an article, series of articles or web of articles, comprising the steps of:

    a) applying said active material to a surface of a first tool in the form of a multitude of essentially unbroken lines, with a coater unit having a multitude of extruder-applicators that are in close proximity to the surface, and positioned above the surface, said extruder-applicators extruding said active material through a die onto the surface of the first tool;

    b) heating the coater unit such that the active material is applied at a temperature of between 70 degrees C and 250 degrees C;

    c) contacting the surface of the first tool containing the active material, with a coating blade which has an angle of between 5° and 40° with the tangent of the surface of the first tool, and which applies a constant pressure onto the surface with active material; and

    d) transferring the active material from the surface of the first tool to an article, series of articles or web of articles, supported on a surface of a second tool and pressed against the surface of the first tool, wherein the temperature of the coater is at least 5°C less than the temperature of the surface of the first tool.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein the first tool and the second tool are each rotating, and wherein at least the first rotating tool is a roll.

4. (Original) The process of claim 3 wherein the coater and the first tool are heated and the second tool is cooled.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 3 wherein the ~~coater comprises a multitude of extruder-applicators, which provide a multitude of extruded essentially unbroken lines of the active material, and wherein the~~ extruder-applicators have a pitch of less than 15 mm.

7. (Original) The process of claim 3, wherein the surface of the second tool has a temperature of between 0°C and 30°C.

8. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 6 wherein the process is continuous, wherein the coater continuously applies a multitude of essentially unbroken lines on the surface of the first rotating tool, wherein the articles are a continuous series or web of articles, and wherein the process has a speed of at least 20m/ min.

9. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1 wherein the active material is applied to the article, series of articles or web of articles in an on-dot amount of at least $10g/m^2$.

10. (Original) The process of claim 3, wherein the surface of the second tool has a shore A hardness value from 25 to 90.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) The process of claim 3 wherein the web of articles is stretchable and is rotated around said second rotating tool, such that the exit angle of the web is between 30° and 70°.

14. (Original) The process of claim 7 wherein the temperature of the surface of the first tool is higher than the melting temperature of the articles, series of articles or web of articles.

15-21. (Canceled).